

The Humble
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Of the Right Honourable the
Lords Spiritual and Temporal
In Parliament assembled,
P R E S E N T E D T O
H I S M A J E S T Y

On *Friday* the Twenty fourth Day of *November*, 1758.

W I T H
His Majesty's
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Die Veneris, 24^o Novembris, 1758.

ORdered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, That the Address of this House presented to His Majesty, and His Majesty's most gracious Answer thereunto, be forthwith printed, and published.

Asbley Cowper,

Cler' Parliamentor'

The Humble ADDRESS of the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled.

Die Jovis, 23^o Novembris, 1758.

Most Gracious Sovereign,



E, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to approach Your Throne with Hearts full of that Duty and Affection to Your Sacred Person and Government, which become the most faithful Subjects to the best of Kings.

That constant Regard and Attention, which Your Majesty has shewn to the Honour and Interest of Your Kingdoms, have fill'd our Minds with the most grateful Sentiments; and we see, with real Satisfaction, those active and vigilant Efforts, which Your Majesty, in Your great Wisdom, has made, to carry on

the War with Vigour, in order to the desirable End, which we all wish, a safe and honourable Peace.

Justice and good Policy required, that our Enemies should feel, how dangerous it is for them to provoke the Spirit and Strength of the *British* Nation. We acknowledge, with becoming Thankfulness, the Goodness of the Divine Providence, in having crown'd Your Majesty's Measures and Arms with Success, in several Parts; and we joyfully congratulate Your Majesty on the Conquest of the strong Fortress of *Louisbourg*, with the Islands of *Cape Breton*, and *St. John*, the taking of *Frontenac*, and the Reduction of *Senegal*. The high Importance of these Successes is apparent, in the Reputation thereby acquir'd to Your Majesty's Arms, and in the Distress they cannot fail to bring upon the *French* Commerce and Colonies, as well as in the happy Effects procured to those of *Great Britain*.

We have seen, with the warmest Emotions of Resentment, the exorbitant Devastations committed by the Armies of *France*, upon the Dominions of Your Majesty, and those of Your Allies, in *Germany*. They must now have experienced how much, in Consequence of their unbounded Ambition to invade their Neighbours, their own Coasts are exposed, in the Demolition of their expensive Works at *Cherbourg*, particularly intended for the Annoyance of this Country; and in the Loss of so many Ships and Vessels, as well Privateers as others, in their Ports. At the same Time, we cannot sufficiently admire Your Majesty's Magnanimity and Moderation, in not having hitherto retaliated, on the innocent Subjects of that Crown, the injurious Treatment which You have received.

We have a just Sense of the real Advantages derived to the Operations of *Great Britain* in particular, as well as to the Common Cause in general, from the wise Conduct of the King of *Prussia*, and Prince *Ferdinand* of *Brunswick*. Their great Abilities, and the Bravery of Your Majesty's Troops, and those of Your Allies, have been signally conspicuous, in the Successes with which they have been attended, and must be acknowledged by all *Europe*.

Nothing can possibly be of greater National Importance, than the Navigation and Commerce of Your Subjects; and we return Your Majesty our dutiful Thanks for that Protection and Security, which they have receiv'd from Your Royal Care, in the Disposition of Your Fleet, to which their present flourishing Condition is so much owing. The Stagnation of our Enemy's Trade, and the taking and destroying so many of their capital Ships of War, ought, in this View, to be reckoned amongst the most happy Events.

Permit us to declare our grateful Sense of that Paternal Tenderneſs, which Your Majesty has expreſſed for the Burdens of Your People. We receive from thence the ſtrongest Encouragement to adhere, the more firmly, to the Cauſe of the Proteſtant Religion and Publick Liberty, againſt any unnatural Union form'd to oppreſs it. In this juſt Cauſe we will, to our utmoſt, effectually ſtand by and defend Your Majesty; ſupport the King of *Pruffia*, and the reſt of Your Allies; and vigorously exert ourſelves to reduce our Enemies to equitable Terms of Accommodation.

Our Duty and Fidelity to Your Majesty, and our Zeal for the Proteſtant Succeſſion in Your Royal Family, are uniform and unalterable; our Prayers for the Prolongation of your precious Life, and auſpicious Reign over us, are ſincere and fervent: And we beg Leave to give Your Majesty the ſtrongest Affurances, that nothing ſhall be wanting, on our Part, to improve Union and good Harmony amongſt all Your Subjects, for promoting and ſecuring theſe intereſting and eſſential Objects.

His MAJESTY's moſt Gracious ANSWER.

My LORDS,

I Return you My hearty Thanks for this very dutiful and affectionate Addreſs. The Satisfaction which you expreſs in My Meaſures, and the Zeal you ſhew for My Honour and Support, the true Intereſt of My Kingdoms, and the Aſſiſtance of My Allies, as well as for purſuing the War with Vigour, are highly acceptable to Me: They cannot fail to produce the beſt Effects in the preſent Conjunction.

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